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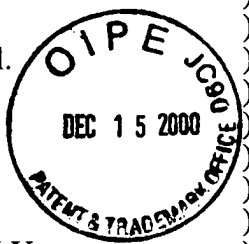
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2000, Applicant amends the application as indicated below.

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Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, please delete without prejudice the two paragraphs which follow the heading "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" and replace them with the following:

This patent application is a divisional of commonly-owned U.S. Patent Application No. ^{now U.S. Patent No. 5,914,662,}

08/554,902, filed 11/9/95, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No.

08/452,255 (hereinafter "Parent Case"), filed 5/26/95, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S.

~~Patent No. 5,917,707~~, filed 11/15/94, and its counterpart PCT patent application number

PCT/US94/13373, filed 11/16/94 (published 26 May 95 as WO 95/14314), both of which are continuations-in-part of U.S. Patent No. ^{Application No. 08/152,812} ~~5,476,211~~, filed 11/16/93, ^{now U.S. Patent No. 5,476,211}

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